

Surrey Hills All Saints Forest School Ideas

We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful area so take this opportunity to get outdoors and have some fun! Watch the changes as we move into Spring and the tree buds start to open, the birds sing even more beautifully, insects start to appear and the frog spawn develops. Here are some ideas. I am sure you will have lots of your own so take some pictures and keep a diary so we can learn all about your adventures when we are back at school!

Potato peeler whittling



Whittling sticks is a great outdoor activity that can be almost meditative, and providing a potato peeler rather than a knife makes it much safer. Your child can use the peeler to whittle the bark off a stick and then use

*Work downwards and away from your body.
Using fresh sticks is easier!*



Stick a feather to the end, and it becomes a magic wand, add arms and legs to make creatures or dress them up as people - you can even wrap it in strips of white paper and add googly eyes to make a miniature Egyptian mummy!

Whittling helps hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills and decorating the whittled sticks promotes creativity and imagination.

Bug house

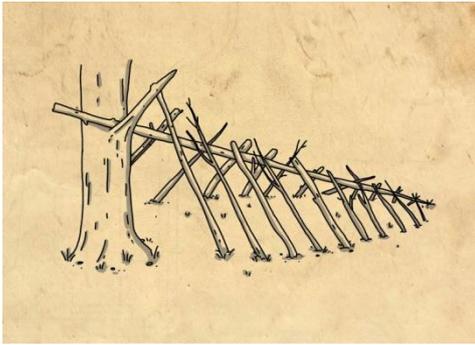


Encourage insects to your garden by building them their very own residence. Any size you like from a small apartment made from plastic bottles, to a grand scale mansion using planks of wood, old pallets or crates piled up with bricks between the layers.

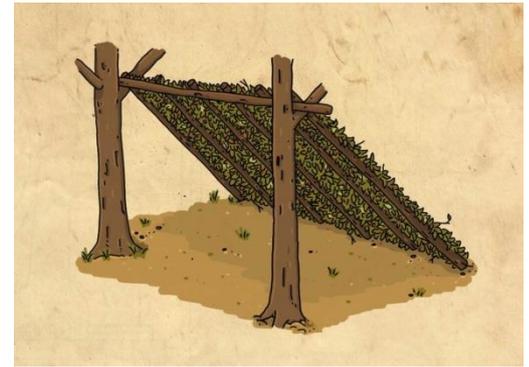


Your child can fill the gaps between the layers with things to make their visitors at home, such as cardboard tubes, shredded paper, tumble drier fluff, feathers and pebbles. Keep checking every day to see who has moved in.

Make a den



Get out and about with your family and build your own den! There are lots of fallen branches and twigs in the woods at the moment after the windy weather recently.



You could use to help gloves to pull it as

Take a tarpaulin log seats and have



leaves and the old dead bracken camouflage your den (but wear the stems can cut your hands).

to make it waterproof, add some a picnic inside!

Fairy Home



Maybe you could make a miniature home for a garden fairy or pixie?

Make a little path lined with twigs and leaves which lead up to the fairy door. You could leave some little treats for your visitors too!

Bird feeder



Or make this simple bird feeder and then sit quietly to watch and record which birds come to visit.

Playing outside has a huge range of benefits, including improved health and fitness, creativity, imagination, concentration, teamwork, emotional wellbeing and independence. The average child spends just five hours a week playing outside, compared to a staggering 45.5 hours in front of a screen.

Let's make sure the children at Surrey Hills All Saints can buck this trend and have some fabulous fun learning while playing outdoors!